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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to initiating prosecution of the above-captioned patent application, please amend the application as follows: IN THE TITLE:

Delete the title and insert therefor the following new title:

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--DATA PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PREVENTING UNAUTHORIZED COPYING--.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, line 1, delete "DESCRIPTION".

On page 1, line 3, delete "Technical Field" and insert therefor -- Field of the Invention --.

On page 1, line 4, delete "apparatus" and insert therefor --system and method--.

On page 1, line $\acute{5}$, delete "and data processing method, and suitably".

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